

SPECULATIVE.

The Sudden Strength and Activity in Missouri Pacific, the Feature of the Security Market.

The State of the Money Market a Matter of Considerable Interest—The Sub-Treasury Absorbing Everything.

Special to the Gazette.

New York, May 9.—The sudden strength and activity in Missouri Pacific was the most noticeable feature of today's security market. At the opening there was a strong demand for the stocks. The price advanced to figures which it has not reached since November, 1898. The cause for the movement was the announcement that the board of directors, at its meeting held yesterday, decided to give to all stockholders an option to subscribe to a new collateral trust bond at 95, with a bonus of a share of stock, so that the floating debt may be funded. The new issue of bonds will be, it is said, \$7,000,000, which will call for 7000 shares of stock. These shares will come out of the 1,000,000 shares of stock in the treasury of the company. Each holder of 100 shares of Missouri Pacific will be entitled to \$1500 of new bonds, and to 150 shares of new stock. The other gold stocks shared to some degree in the strength and activity which followed this announcement.

Richmond terminal was active and higher on rumors of possible future arrangements with Baltimore and Ohio. A determined bear attack was made on Atchafalaya. Wheat preferred enjoyed a spurt of activity and higher figures. The state of the money market is a matter of not a little interest at the present time. Rates for call loans are unusually stiff. This is partly due to the great increase in activity on the stock exchange which necessitates more money, but the sub-treasury is the greatest drain on the banks at the present time. It is taking a great deal for revenues and returning very little interest on bond purchases. It is estimated that the banks have nearly \$350,000,000 of the sub-treasury during the past week. Until August died. When the will was probated it showed that all the property left by Mrs. Viddell was left to his widow, the two sisters, being not only entirely ignored but the property to which they claimed they were entitled, being mentioned in their brother's will as being his own.

Fresh vigor was added to stock dealing by a report in the early afternoon that the Republican senators in caucus this morning had practically decided on a silver bill making certificates full tender redeemable in coin and authorizing the secretary of the treasury to sell bonds for their redemption when necessary. The market closed strong and buoyant.

MURDERED NEAR FLATONIA.

A Man Found with a Bullet Hole Through His Neck—Description of the Alleged Murderer. Special to the Gazette.

FLATONIA, Tex., May 9.—This morning a Mr. Stiekbeur, a Bohemian, and for some time past a laborer on the Southern Pacific bridge gang, was found dead near the railroad track with a forty-four caliber bullet hole in his neck. Justice Hopkins viewed the body and soon discovered some fragments of wood pine splinters in the wound and on his shirt. Proceeding with his constable to the house where Stiekbeur had been staying a similar sized bullet was found in the window casing, showing that the man was shot while on the outside of the house, by some one from within. The only occupants this morning of the house were a woman and three small children. The woman, who had been any knowledge of the murder and insisted that the bullet hole in the window was over two weeks old, but afterwards she gave the whole thing away, and said he was shot by a paramour of hers yesterday and covered up under the house until night, when she and the murderer carried him to the spot where he was found. Officers will look out for the murderer, whose name is said to be D. A. Flechter, and if so he is heavy set, about five feet eight or nine inches tall, light complexioned, has small light-colored mustache, dressed in a neat suit of light-colored clothes, German, about thirty years of age and speaks good English.

SIX STRIKES.

That's the Number in Progress at St. Louis. Many Idle People.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 9.—The fireproof plasterers struck today for eight hours and the same pay they have been getting, and the sign painters also went out. About 125 pressmen working in the Drummond tobacco factory have also demanded an eight hour day and the same wages as heretofore, and have gone out. This throws about 700 other hands, men and girls, out of work. There are now six strikes in progress here, but neither of them is of much consequence. The boss quartermen are filling the places of the strikers with non-union men, and the prospects of the strikers are not very bright. Fairbank's south factory will close to-morrow for the summer. The prospect of the strikers for making terms, therefore, is very slim. It is said that the stone cutters threaten to strike if they are required to work on quarried by non-union men.

Awaiting the White Man's Story. Special to the Gazette.

RICHARDSON, Tex., May 9.—Two negroes by name of Rodgers and Bonner that live about four miles south of here, went before Esquire Malone this evening late and reported that they had shot and badly wounded an unknown white man for criminal assault on the wife of Rodgers. Deputy Sheriff Stratton has come out to investigate the matter. Both of the negroes are considered hard characters, and the people here are inclined to believe that when the white man tells his side of the story the complexion of the case will be considerably changed.

The New Chancellor Disputed.

BEKIN, May 9.—Diplomatists believe that Gen. Von Caprivi will soon resign the chancellorship. He is said to be disgusted with the details of the work of the foreign office, and not in sympathy with the officers under him.

Slashed His Twin Brother.

VINCENNES, Ind., May 9.—Last night, at Edwardsport, a deplorable tragedy was enacted, in which John and Amos Lawson, twin brothers, were the chief

actors. At the election last April it seems that John, who is a Republican, offered his brother, who is a Democrat, \$1 to vote the Republican ticket. This amount Amos refused to accept. After that the ill feeling increased. Last night Amos was standing on the steps of the store, when John approached. A few hot words passed between them, when Amos suddenly leaped on his brother and plunged his knife into his side. John's wounds are thought to be fatal. Amos is in jail.

DIED PENNILESS.

The Fate of Henrietta Girard of Philadelphia—An Heir to Millions—An Unnatural Brother.

Special to the Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 9.—To be an heirless to millions, to live seventy-five dreary years in poverty and finally die in a garret early yesterday morning at No. 9 North Eleventh street, without a dollar in her possession, was the fate of Henrietta Girard, niece of Stephen Girard, founder of the celebrated college. Henrietta Girard came to this country three years ago to bring suit against her sister-in-law, Mrs. Girard, living on Green street, but she exhausted the few dollars she had and died, it is said, of a broken heart. Henrietta Girard, together with a sister now living in Paris and a brother, August, who died some years ago, were joint heirs to the property left them under will of Mrs. Viddell, member of the Girard family. The property was variously estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. At the time of Mrs. Viddell's death the heirs to her property were all residents of Paris. Under the provisions of the will the heirs were not to come in possession until of age. August Girard, having already attained a majority, came to this country at once and gained possession of his share of the dead woman's vast wealth. Both his sisters were mere girls, and August Girard was appointed by the court guardian until they attained their majority. Not long afterward August Girard married and although his sisters, who continued to live in Paris, had attained their majority, he made no effort to put them in possession of their money. Finally August died. When the will was probated it showed that all the property left by Mrs. Viddell was left to his widow, the two sisters, being not only entirely ignored but the property to which they claimed they were entitled, being mentioned in their brother's will as being his own.

TWO DESPERADOES.

Lee White and Frank Cody, Two Very Tough Highwaymen. Captured in Southern New Mexico.

Special to the Gazette.

SANTA FE, N. M., May 9.—The reign of terror which has existed in Southern New Mexico for some time past terminated last night by the capture of the outlaws Lee White and Frank Cody. After the robbery at Lamy Junction Wednesday night, which resulted in the fatal wounding of A. Sayles, the outlaws made for San Pedro plaza. After remaining here a short time they started toward the mountains. The news of their outrage at Lamy reached San Pedro a short while after their departure, and a posse was at once organized and started in pursuit. In a short time the trails were found which were followed to a point about nine miles from San Pedro in the Sandia mountains. At this point the party discovered a man standing beside a horse and holding a Winchester. The pursuing party rode up and commanded him to throw down his gun. He refused, when H. D. Benton began firing at him, and not until he had been shot at several times did he surrender. He was relieved of his Winchester and two revolvers. He proved to be Frank Cody, well known around San Pedro as one of the toughest characters in the West. He was on guard when captured, and while he was asleep near by. White and Cody were going on White escaped into the mountains on foot. He was followed a short distance, but could not be found. The parties then took their horses to San Pedro, where Cody was placed under guard. The party secured fresh horses and started after White. Sheriff Chavez and a number of men accompanied them this time. When in the vicinity of the Sandia mountains where White had been lost, a man was sent ahead. This man struck the trail and followed it a short distance, when to his surprise he found White in the bottom of a gulch fast asleep with his gun across his breast. White awoke to find that he was surrounded by armed men. He made no resistance, and was taken to San Pedro, where he was shackled to Cody and both brought on to Santa Fe. They will have their hearing to-morrow.

Negroes Afraid to Testify.

BROOKHAVEN, Miss., May 9.—The ten men arrested in Lawrence for beating the old negro, Jere Brass, and murdering his son were released on preliminary trial. The witnesses relied on to convict them were so terrorized as to be afraid to testify, and the prosecution failed to get the ground, though there is hardly a doubt of the guilt of the accused. A private letter states that the best citizens in the vicinity of where the crime was committed are afraid to take active steps to bring the guilty parties to justice for fear of assassination, or having their property burned, and a regular reign of terror exists.

A Stranger's Death at San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 9.—G. F. Lehrs, aged about twenty-three, arrived in the city this morning on the south-bound International and Great Northern train, secured a room at the St. Leon hotel, secured a bucket full of blood, and committed suicide. From papers found on his person it is presumed that he was employed in some capacity on the Youth's Companion of Boston. His remains are awaiting the orders of his friends.

Fire Insurance Combine.

NEW YORK, May 9.—A gigantic fire insurance combination is in process of formation in this city to include the 140 companies doing business here.

Abolitioner Captured.

DULUTH, Minn., May 9.—Pope, the abolitionist bank teller from Louisville, was captured here to-day while on his way to Canada.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

It Held an Executive Session Yesterday Afternoon and Important Business Came Up.

Yesterday morning Mayor Pendleton issued a call for a special meeting of the city council to convene in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, and promptly at that time the members were seated around the board.

Mayor Pendleton explained that the meeting had been called in view of the discovery of some probable irregularities in the manner in which the sewer contract was being carried out, and it would probably be better if the proceedings of the council were made as private as possible.

Whereupon it was moved and carried that the council do go into executive session. And the possibility of this-
Gazette readers securing a full report of the proceedings was ruthlessly destroyed. The irregularities which are referred to in connection with the sewer work are asserted to consist of the use of Portland cement instead of Portland cement in the work being carried on in the improvement of the city sewer-system, the contract stipulating that Portland cement shall be used.

During the executive session of the council several parties connected with work including the city engineer were examined in regard to the charges, but no concrete result was reached. The matter was placed in the hands of the sewer committee, Mayor Pendleton and Alderman Hall for further investigation, they to report at the next regular session of the council.

LOCALETTES.

Let every citizen who has a vehicle take our visitors out riding. Let them be shown the town.

Lost—A pocketbook containing railroad tickets, \$10.00, returned to the office of Judd C. Boyd, West Third street.

Major Penn will preach at Arlington next Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. W. W. Finley will preach at Birdville next Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m.

Ladies' Saturday market at Fort Worth Grocer company's to-day will be unusually attractive. All lovers of something good to eat should not fail to attend.

A meeting of the South Siders is called for to-night, 8 o'clock, at Folk's grocery store. The matter under discussion will be strictly the question of annexation to the city.

Rev. Dr. Pritchard of Wilmington, S. C., will preach at the Broadway Presbyterian church to-morrow morning, and Rev. J. N. Frost of Richmond, Va., will occupy the pulpit at night.

All churches in the city, both white and colored, who want their pulpits supplied on Sunday by some of the eminent clergymen attending the Baptist convention can have them so filled by sending in the request to Rev. J. Morgan Wells.

The death of little Malcolm B. Judkins, the three-year-old son of Officer Judkins, occurred yesterday evening at 7:30, after an illness of about a week. The funeral will take place from the Christian church at 4 o'clock this evening.

Baylor college of Waco was represented in this city yesterday by about 150 of the young ladies and gentlemen of that institution. They came in a special train to attend the convention and the opening of the Spring Palace, and the entire delegation intend returning on Sunday.

The delayed Cotton Belt train, which was expected all day yesterday, was finally announced to arrive at 11:30 last night. This train is in three sections, and started from Atlanta six hours ahead of the Baptist excursion train, which was due here Wednesday, and arrived in this city Thursday night.

The members of the chamber of commerce will meet to-day at their headquarters at 12 o'clock instead of 1, as previously announced, and it is earnestly requested that all those who are favorable to the objects of that body meet the members at that time, sign the membership roll, and lend their aid to its operations.

At the last meeting of the board of trade the name of the organization was changed to chamber of commerce, by which it shall hereafter be known, and Mr. E. S. Hiden was elected its secretary. That gentleman was a happy selection, as he has had experience in similar bodies in other cities and is acquainted with its workings. He entered upon his duties yesterday. His office at the board of trade building will be handsomely appointed.

Mr. J. P. Taylor is anxious to find a young negro who has been working at his house for the past fortnight. Charley Kelley, the youth in demand, is about fourteen years of age, and recently arrived from Birmingham, Ala. Yesterday morning he disappeared from Mr. Taylor's place, and it is found that Mrs. Taylor's gold watch and a purse containing \$8 in cash are also missing. The watch has a monogram "R. A. T." on one side and "J. to A." on the other. Mr. Taylor offers a liberal reward for the return of the watch and purse.

Commissioner Lewis Moore, who has charge of the Burnett county exhibit at the Spring Palace, was charged yesterday when on opening the door of a car which had arrived with the Burnett county exhibit, to find that some vandals had been in the car and deliberately smashed one of the beautiful marble shafts, which was a chief feature of the exhibit, and cut and destroyed other valuable articles. The act could only have been the result of malicious motives. The sleight with which the marble had been broken lay on the car door shaft was valued at \$3500, and represented great labor, skill and artistic genius.

The committee of arrangements were kept busy all day yesterday in procuring homes for the visitors, but they report that the people came to the rescue nobly, and everybody will be provided for. If the delayed Cotton Belt train had come yesterday, as was expected, they would have been sorely pushed for accommodations, but the delay saved the trouble, and the delegates would be obliged to remain in the sleepers last night. The committee, who have had in hand the management and reception of the people as they arrived, are glad to hear that more than 5000 people have been attracted to Fort Worth in the last two days by the Baptist convention and the opening of the Spring Palace.

A Night Alarm.

At 2 o'clock this morning the firing of revolvers and creaking of steam whistles

announced that a fire had broken out in the city. The department was only a few minutes in getting around to Logan, Evans & Smith's establishment on Houston street, where the flames were darting up near the front entrance. The doors were broken in and the flames extinguished the flames without the use of the hose. The damage was not important.

The cause is alleged to have been the combustible action of rubber goods packed closely together in the drawers.

PERSONAL.

Miss Clara Pitt of Fairfield, Ky., is in the city visiting her brother, Mr. L. C. Pitt.

Mrs. G. Hubbell of Los Angeles, Cal., formerly of Fort Worth, is visiting Mrs. E. B. Cyrus, 310 Throckmorton street.

Capt. J. S. Wyatt, a prominent merchant of Galveston, is visiting his son, John M. Wyatt, of the Merchants' national bank.

W. H. Sprinkle of Richmond, Va., is on a visit to his brother and sisters at this place, whom he had not seen for fifteen years.

Mr. Frank Brittingham is in the city on a vacation visit, and his many friends are glad to meet the handsome and amiable young man.

A. J. Scarborough, a hustling real estate man of Snyder, Tex., was observed among the crowds of arrivals in the city yesterday.

Mrs. R. B. Spencer, Miss Ethel Lattimore and Miss Herndon are stopping for a few days with Mr. O. S. Lattimore at 418 Wheeler street.

Rev. Mr. Fountain, chaplain at the Agricultural and Mechanical college at College Station, is among the delegates and is stopping at the Ellis.

Mr. P. J. Key of Mt. Lebanon, La., uncle of G. W. and P. D. Hollingsworth, is in the city attending the convention and visiting his kinfolk.

Rev. E. B. McNeill and Mr. H. H. Vinson of Jackson, Tenn., attending the Southern Baptist convention, called on the Gazette yesterday afternoon.

C. W. Hare, representing the Alabama Baptist and Baptist printing company, Montgomery, Ala., made the Gazette a pleasant call yesterday.

Mr. A. K. Seago, formerly of Bosque county, but now of New Orleans, is in the city. Mr. Seago says the merchants of Texas stand A. 1 with outside dealers.

Rev. A. R. Griggs, colored, superintendent of missions of the Baptist mission society, is in the city attending the convention and his headquarters are at Dallas, in the city.

Mrs. I. N. Walton, of Allensville, Ky., is in the city attending the Baptist convention, and is the guest of Mrs. W. L. Malone, corner of Peach and Harding streets.

Messrs. J. W. Henderson, J. W. Stokely, Frank Leslie, J. H. Douglas and Ticket Agent John Sheelart, all of Anniston, Ala., are in the city prospecting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker of Mt. Lebanon, La., are in the city attending the convention and visiting G. W. and P. D. Hollingsworth, who are cousins of Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. M. E. Fuller of Magazine, Ark., and Mrs. Lee of Monroe, Ga., the sister and cousin of Mrs. L. R. Taylor, together with Miss Taylor, are visiting the district clerk's family.

Ex-Governor J. E. Massey, of Virginia and Dr. A. E. Pickerson, editor of the Religious Herald, of Richmond, Va., are with Capt. Thomas F. West, 117 South Jennings avenue.

Mr. Jere Lehane leaves this morning for Ireland. He goes around by way of St. Louis. He will be gone a couple of months, and his many friends wish him a joyous time during his trip.

Among those who reached the city last evening in the Governor Adams party from Colorado were Col. T. F. Nelson, executive secretary, and George H. Hobson, vice president, of the Colorado mineral palace company of Pueblo.

Interesting among the arrivals in the city yesterday were a party of Baylor college teachers and pupils, including President J. H. Laurier, President E. C. Moore, A. J. Jandson, Dixie McCalland and P. H. Eagle, and Misses Lucy Royall, Jessie Roberts, Lula Haskins, Alice Humphreys and Minnie Allen.

Dr. J. Y. Cummins, of Memphis, Tenn., and his good wife are among the guests here on attendance to the Baptist convention. They are the parents of Judge Cummins, who they are now stopping during their stay. The doctor is in his eighty-seventh year and yet retains the vigor of his mind unimpaired.

For fifty years the doctor has voted the Democratic ticket and commended with his denomination. A strict Baptist and a straight Democrat is what might be called in Texas "straight goods."

Shot His Wife and then Himself.

DENVER, Col., May 9.—An O'Curry special says: At 2 o'clock this afternoon John M. Winstead while intoxicated went to a restaurant kept by his wife and demanded money, which she refused to give. Winstead became very angry and pulled a large revolver and shot his wife through the heart in the presence of his twelve-year-old son. The wretch then turned the pistol upon himself and sent a ball crashing through his right breast, which not proving fatal, he walked out of doors, and upon the front step and sent another ball through his heart. Both will be buried to-morrow at the expense of the county, as all their property had been squandered by the husband, who was a dissolute fellow.

The dead woman has relations in Marshalltown, Iowa, and at one time lived in Hutchinson, Kansas. The man was from Tennessee.

Classen on Trial.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The trial of Peter J. Classen, ex-president of the Sixth National bank, under indictment charging him with embezzlement, misappropriation and making false entries, was begun in earnest before Judge Benedict in the United States circuit court to-day. The defendant's wife and daughter sat beside him. The evidence thus far introduced militates greatly against the defendant. Court adjourned until Monday.

New Government Dry Dock.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The formal opening of the new timber drydock at the Brooklyn navy yard took place this afternoon. The dock was formally accepted by the government.

Call at GAZETTE BUSINESS OFFICE and examine this paper's premium sewing machine. This handsome \$45 machine and the Weekly Gazette only \$1.25; with the Sunday Gazette only \$2.25; with the Daily Gazette only \$3.00.

GALVESTON.

Surrendered by Bondsmen and Jailed—An Experimental Shipment of Cereals—Drummers Bankers and Editors.

Special to the Gazette.

GALVESTON, Tex., May 9.—To-day Henry C. Weyer, one of the accused lynchers of young Fleischig, recently released from jail with the others implicated in the crime by mandate of the court, of appeals, was surrendered by his bondsmen and lodged in jail. Fred Koehler, another of the accused lynchers, was surrendered yesterday and jailed. Charles Jueman and W. F. Allen, the other two, are still at liberty. Weyer was the justice of the peace that held the inquest over the dead body of the German boy, Fleischig, and Koehler was his constable.

The steamship Proprietor (British), which is receiving a cargo of Kansas corn here for Liverpool, will clear and sail to-morrow. She will take out 36,000 bushels, or 800 tons. Mayor R. L. Fulton has arranged with the Galveston millinery company to fire a national salute to-morrow when the ship departs upon her voyage. This will be the first shipment of cereals from this port since 1875, and is an experimental shipment, the outcome of which will be watched with considerable interest, as the exportations in former years proved unprofitable.

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